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- (a) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall draft a plan to administer a Maryland HOPE Scholarship Program.
 - (b) The Commission's plan shall include:
- (1) A 3-year schedule, beginning July 1, 2000, for the progressive implementation of the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Award to all eligible students; and
- (2) A priority list of the applicable fields of study which focuses on such factors as:
 - (i) Economic need of the State;
 - (ii) Employment shortage areas of the State; and
- (iii) Training and education capacity of the higher education institutions in Maryland.
- (c) The priority list shall be created in consultation with the appropriate advisory boards of the Commission, the Department of Commerce, and representatives of higher education and private industry.

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